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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) A method for modulating activation of an NFkB signaling pathway in a cell comprising  
contacting a cell having TRADE activity with a TRADE polypeptide in an amount sufficient to modulate the activation of an NFkB signaling pathway associated with TRADE activity in said cell, wherein said TRADE polypeptide comprises the extracellular domain of a TRADE $\alpha$  polypeptide, said extracellular domain ~~having at least 95%~~ corresponding to a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide at least 98 % homologous to a polynucleotide encoding amino acids 1-168 of SEQ ID NO:2.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of: an epithelial cell, a ductal epithelial cell, and a bronchial epithelial cell.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of: a lung cell, a liver cell, and a brain cell.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said TRADE polypeptide is a soluble form of a TRADE $\alpha$  polypeptide.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the soluble form of the TRADE $\alpha$  polypeptide is a TRADE $\alpha$ -Fc fusion protein.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said TRADE polypeptide consists essentially of said TRADE $\alpha$  polypeptide extracellular domain.